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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I have just finished "Case Opened" and I want to thank you for making the effort to write that important book, considering the fact that the work you have done so far will be instrumental to future generations wishing to learn the truth, without prejudice.

As you know, I correspond regularly with your friend, Dave Keck. Dave disagree's with me some points, and I am eager to hear your opinion on one of those points if you are willing to give it. To preface this question properly, I am not asking for this "on the record" and do not plan on "using" it in writing or for any reason, as I know your writing deals in facts and not in opinions.

You have rightly pointed out that the CIA made Nosenko available to Posner. What I would like to know, in your opinion, is this: Did the establishment press (US News +WR, Newsweek, et. al.) use the book "Case Closed" as a basis for their articles out of journalistic laziness, stupidity, or just the desire to sell magazines; as opposed to the concept that both the book and the national press were "orchestrated events", planned well in advance.

I seem to be unable to phrase the question any better. But it seems to me a lot of specific actions need to happen on a government level (CIA), and on a corporate level (Establishment Press, Random House), in order to perpetuate this lie. Maybe a better way to ask the question is, if the CIA supported Posner's book, did it also support the favorable publicity that followed, and if so, how?

Again, I do not intend on using your response in any way, and I understand you have been careful not to speculate without a solid factual basis. But I know you must have an opinion on this matter.

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